

(d) what action has been taken against the persons held responsible for opening the account as also for not taking appropriate measures to prevent the fraud?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH):

(a) Yes, sir. This fraudulent transfer of US \$ 86,300 from the Account of the Embassy of India, Kyiv with State Bank of India, New York took place on 7.4.1998.

(b) to (d) The Ministry of External Affairs referred the matter to the CBI in September, 1998 and a case was registered on 15.10.1998. The investigation of the case, in India, Kyiv and New York, is continuing.

Attacks on Terrorist Camps in PoK

† 1266. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to attack soon on terrorist camps in Pak occupied Kashmir in order to curb cross border terrorism;

(b) whether any efforts are also being made to entrap Pakistan by accelerating diplomatic efforts; and

(c) if so, the details of the strategy adopted ,by Government to curb the terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH):

(a) to (c) Government have continued to appropriately and effectively bring to the attention of the international community facts pertaining to Pakistan's sponsorship of cross border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of India. The matter has also been raised during high level discussions with world leaders. India has also established Joint Working Groups on Terrorism with several countries to enhance the levels of bilateral cooperation in the campaign against terrorism. During his recent visits to the Russian Federation, United States of America and United Kingdom, as well as during his meetings with other Heads of State/Government, Prime Minister Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee forcefully brought out the need to systematically root out terrorism, not just from one country or one region, but from the whole world. In the Joint Communiqué adopted after the recently concluded second India-European summit on 23rd November, 2001 both sides supported the fight against terrorism, wherever it occurred and regardless of motives.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The widespread consensus in the international community, particularly after the tragic terrorist attacks of September, 11 in the United States, is that terrorism can never be justified and must be eradicated wherever it exists. India's view that terrorism must be resisted until it is decisively crushed, is widely supported by the international community.

US Failure to accept India's help in fighting terrorism

1267. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US has failed to accept India's help in fighting terrorism; and

(b) if so, the details of the help offered by India to US in fighting terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH):

(a) The United States conveyed a number of specific proposals for India's assistance in the fight against terrorism, including its on-going military campaign "Operation Enduring Freedom" in Afghanistan. Proposals that were in conformity with the existing guidelines for cooperation with friendly countries were approved.

(b) The specific areas of cooperation approved include investigations into the terrorist attacks on 11th September, intelligence sharing on terrorist groups and network, over flight, landing and refuelling facilities for U.S. air missions and port calls by naval ships in support of its campaign. In addition, the two countries are working together, and with other countries, to establish global conventions and standards that strengthen international cooperation in fighting the forces of terror everywhere in the world.

Labelling Pakistan as Terrorist State

1268. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most terrorist organizations operating in Kashmir are enjoying patronage of Pakistan Government and ISI yet the USA have not labelled Pakistan a Terrorist State;

(b) whether it is also a fact that America's own foreign policy changes according to convenience and India must fight its own battle in Kashmir; and